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Joint Powers Authority
4700 Ramona Blvd., 4th Floor
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Dear Joint Powers Authority,

**APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF NEW MONITORING
EQUIPMENT TO MONITOR LABORATORY FREEZERS AND
REFRIGERATORS THAT STORE REAGENTS AND DNA EVIDENCE FOR
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND LOS ANGELES
POLICE DEPARTMENT AT THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CRIME
LABORATORY FACILITY**

THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Approve and authorize the purchase and installation of freezer/refrigerator monitoring equipment. The equipment is to be installed in the laboratories at the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center (Crime Lab) in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

PURPOSE OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility Authority (Authority) to acquire and own new freezer/refrigerator monitoring equipment in the laboratories at the Crime Lab occupied by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, the California State University, the California Forensic Science Institute and the California Department of Justice.

JUSTIFICATION

The new freezer/refrigerator monitoring system to be installed in the laboratory rooms at the Crime Lab would be a great benefit to the facility and give laboratory personnel freezer/refrigerator temperatures in real time through the use of cellular phones and equipment. The current monitoring system in place does not provide temperature readings and only provides alarm activation. Secondly, the new monitoring equipment

will meet laboratory state and federal accreditation standard requirements for monitoring information for storage of evidence.

FINANCING

The initial purchase of the freezer/refrigerator monitoring system would be funded by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. A portion of the remaining funds in the Authority's trust account (eCAPS FUND V14 UNIT 55677), would be utilized to reimburse the Sheriff's Department upon project completion. The amount of the reimbursement is not to exceed \$90,000.

These remaining funds in the trust account are those which were originally deposited by the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles, which funded the purchase of the existing furniture and the telecommunications hardware.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The freezer/refrigerator monitoring system would be procured pursuant to existing purchasing contracts established with the County of Los Angeles and approved purchasing procedures for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of the recommended action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 in that such approval does not meet the definition of a Project.

CONCLUSION

Please return all approved copies of this letter to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Scott McIntyre, Manager I
Crime Lab Facility Manager

Adopted and Approved

Charlie Beck, Chief of Police
Los Angeles Police Department
Chairperson of the Joint Powers Authority
Date: _____